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Information

1. The fire leading to the catastrophic explosions in the Wismut mines at Aue started on the ninth level, on the borderline between Mines 207 and 208. Mine 208 was completely burned out; 207 and 250 were severely damaged, and 66 considerably affected. It will take about three years to restore these mines to full operation. Mines 13 and 38 were forced to close operations for eight days after the explosion. 25X1
2. Three or four days after the explosion, the Party Secretary of Wismut spoke to the workers at an FDGB meeting and announced that the reason for the explosion had been sabotage in Mines 207 and 66. In the former, evidence had been found that a high-tension wire had been sabotaged; in the latter, the elevator cable had been cut. The workers did not seem to believe the sabotage explanation. One of the mine electricians stated that he had been warning the management for some time that too many motors were being hooked up to the same cable and fire was likely to result sooner or later.
3. Vehicles from all over East Germany were sent to relieve the situation at Aue. Ninety or 100 vehicles came from the Siegmor motor pool alone. The hospitals at Aue, Stolberg, Schneeberg, and Zwickau were full of casualties.
4. Since Aue had inadequate facilities for producing oxygen, oxygen <sup>25</sup>oxygen-producing equipment had to be brought in from other places. 25X1
5. The trolley traffic in Karl-Marx-Stadt was cut off because of the mine explosion.
6. The Soviet director of Mines 207 and 250, Malyavka (fnu), was killed in the accident.

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